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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. SPINE 3.0-436 CIP CONT	
Application No. 10/781,021		Filing Date February 18, 2004		Examiner B. Pellegrino	
				Art Unit 3738	
Applicant(s): James D. Ralph and Stephen Tatar					
Invention: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE UTILIZING A BELLEVILLE WASHER HAVING RADIALLY EXTENDING GROOVES					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Total Claims	12	- 20 =		x	
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =		x	
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify): Extension for response within third month					1,020.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					<b>1,020.00</b>
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<input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
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Dated: June 7, 2005		Signature: <u>Michael J. Doherty</u> (Michael J. Doherty)			

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.